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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Wulff on 3/25/05 and 4/13/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 3, "type" has been deleted.

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended as follow:

Claim 4 (Amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the equalization process is a delayed decision feedback sequence estimator (DDFSE) process with weighted outputs coupled with a re-estimation of the bootstrap type.

Claim 5 (Amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the equalization process is a generalized soft output Viterbi algorithm (GSOVA) [type] coupled with a re-estimation of the bootstrap type.

Claim 6, line 2, "the DDFSE type" has been changed to – a delayed decision feedback sequence estimator (DDFSE) --.

Claim 9, line 4, "type" has been deleted and after using, "the" has been deleted.

Claim 10 has been amended as follow:

Claim 10 (currently amended): A system of detecting and iteratively decoding encoded and interleaved symbols on a transmission channel, these symbols being transmitted from a sequence of binary symbols, each sequence of received binary symbols comprising, in addition to the data, hold and tail symbols, at least specific learning symbols, wherein said system comprises at least:

- means (40) for running an initial estimation of the coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel;
- equalization means (1) with soft inputs and outputs receiving received symbols and emitting a sequence of weighted outputs on equalized symbol bits;
- a decoding means (3);
- means (2) for computing and iteratively exchanging a priori information, firstly on the symbol bits resulting from re-interleaved decoded symbol bits when the equalization means is active and, secondly, on de-interleaved encoded bits resulting from equalized symbol bits when the decoding means is active;

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- wherein the decoding means (3) has soft inputs and outputs receiving said a priori information on the encoded bits and emitting a sequence of weighted outputs on decoded bits resulting from the decoding means; and
- means for (4) producing an updated iterative estimation of coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel on the basis of the information resulting from the equalization means and decoding means, wherein said means for computing and iteratively exchanging a priori information is arranged for differentiating between a contribution of the transmission channel and a contribution of the decoding means.

Claim 11, has been amended as follow:

Claim 11 (currently amended): A system of detecting and iteratively decoding encoded and interleaved symbols on a transmission channel, these symbols being transmitted from a sequence of binary symbols, each sequence of received binary symbols comprising, in addition to the data, hold and tail symbols, at least specific learning symbols, wherein said system comprises at least:

means (40) for running an initial estimation of the coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel;

equalization means (1) with soft inputs and outputs receiving received symbols and emitting a sequence of weighted outputs on equalized symbol bits;

a decoding means (3);

means (2) for computing and iteratively exchanging a priori information, firstly on the symbol bits resulting from re-interleaved decoded symbol bits when the equalization means is active and, secondly, on de-interleaved encoded bits resulting from equalized symbol bits when the decoding means is active;

wherein the decoding means (3) has soft inputs and outputs receiving said a priori information on the encoded bits and emitting a sequence of weighted outputs on decoded bits resulting from the decoding means; and

means for (4) producing an updated iterative estimation of coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel on the basis of the information resulting from the equalization means and decoding means,

wherein said means (2) for computing and iteratively exchanging a priori information comprise:

first means (20) for subtracting from sequence (S_1) of weighted outputs on equalized symbol bits said a priori information (S''_2) on the symbol bits in order to generate an extrinsic sequence (S'_1);

means (21) for de-interleaving said extrinsic sequence enabling [said] a sequence of weighted inputs (S''_1) containing the information from the channel and the a priori information of the encoded bits from equalization to be generated;

second means for subtracting (22) from the sequence of weighted outputs on decoded bits (S_2) resulting from the decoding means said sequence of weighted

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inputs (S''_1) in order to generate a sequence of extrinsic information on decoded bits;

means (23) for re-interleaving said sequence of extrinsic information on decoded bits, enabling said a priori information (S''_2) on the symbol bits to be generated.

Claim 12 has been amended as follow:

Claim 12 (Amended): A system according to claim 10, wherein said means (4) running an updated iterative estimation comprise:

[- means (40) for running an initial estimation of the coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel;]

means for running an updated iterative estimation [of the expectation maximization type] of the coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel by applying an expectation maximization process.

Claims 13-16 have been amended as follow:

Claim 13 (Amended): A system according to claim 10, wherein: said equalization means (1) [are] is a maximum likelihood sequence estimator (MLSE) equalization means with soft inputs/outputs; said decoding means (3) are BCJR decoding means with soft inputs/outputs.

Claim 14 (Amended): A system according to claim 10, wherein: said equalization means (1) [are] is a delayed decision feedback sequence estimator (DDFSE) equalization means with soft inputs/outputs; said decoding means (3) [are] is a BCJR decoding means with soft inputs/outputs.

Claim 15 (Amended): A system according to claim 10, wherein: said equalization means (1) [are] is a generalized soft output Viterbi algorithm (GSOVA) equalization means; said decoding means (3) [are] is a BCJR decoding means with soft outputs.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A system of detecting and iteratively decoding encoded and interleaved symbols on a transmission channel, these symbols being transmitted from a sequence of binary symbols, each sequence of received binary symbols comprising, in addition to the data, hold and tail symbols, at least specific learning symbols, wherein said system comprises at least:

means (40) for running an initial estimation of the coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel;

equalization means (1) with soft inputs and outputs receiving received symbols and emitting a sequence of weighted outputs on equalized symbol bits;

a decoding means (3);

- means (2) for computing and iteratively exchanging a priori information, firstly on the symbol bits resulting from re-interleaved decoded symbol

bits when the equalization means is active and, secondly, on de-interleaved encoded bits resulting from equalized symbol bits when the decoding means is active;

- wherein the decoding means (3) has soft inputs and outputs receiving said a priori information on the encoded bits and emitting a sequence of weighted outputs on decoded bits resulting from the decoding means; and
- updated iterative estimation means for (4) producing an updated iterative estimation of coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel on the basis of the information resulting from the equalization means and decoding means,


wherein said updated iterative estimation means (4) comprise;

- means (41) for re-interleaving the sequence (S_2) of weighted outputs on decoded bits resulting from the decoding means, emitting a sequence of weighted outputs on re-interleaved decoded bits;
- hard decision means (42) receiving the sequence of weighted outputs on re-interleaved decoded bits and emitting a sequence of reconstituted received symbol bits;
- means (43) for applying a linear pseudo-inversion on all the reconstituted received symbols, enabling an updated estimation of the coefficients of the impulse response of the transmission channel to be emitted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B Corrielus whose telephone number is 571-272-3020. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxi-Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-3086. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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